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For:

A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN ELECTRODE FOR DISCHARGE SURFACE

TREATMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please delete the present title and replace it with the following new title:

A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN ELECTRODE FOR DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 1, second paragraph

The present invention relates to improvements in a method of manufacturing an electrode for discharge surface treatment, and a discharge surface treatment method. This electrode is used in a discharge surface treatment of generating an electric discharge between the electrode and a treatment target material, and forming a hard coat of the material of the electrode or of a matter